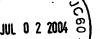
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Dear Examiner Michener:

In response to the Office Action mail on June 4, 2004, Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-7 and 9-26. Applicants also elect species "at an angle relative to the composition" as recited by Claim 13. This election is being made without traverse.

The undersigned authorizes any fees that may be required, or credit of any overpayment to be made to Deposit Account No. 07-1850.

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